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THE ROCK ISLAND BIG SPECIAL VISITS OUR CITY INTEREST OF AGRICULTURE IN THE SOUTHWEST

Tucumcari the Terminal of Special of Nine Coaches Touring Rock Island Lines of the Southwest in the Interest of Agriculture, Carrying Speakers and Newspaper Men Who Have Given Scientific Farming Careful Study.

RECEPTION AT THE EVANS AND BANQUET AT NIGHT

The Rock Island Special Agricultural train of nine coaches, reached Tucumcari on Schedule last Tuesday, and was met at depot by many people of the city and families from every section of the county. In addition to these, the schools turned out in full force, both teachers and pupils and heard the interesting lectures delivered aboard the special train. After this part of the advertised program was finished the big special train up for the night and the visitors were organized into automobile parties, and shown points of interest about the city and community, the demonstration farm three miles east of the city with its green and growing wheat being one of the features receiving especial attention.

After supper a reception was held at the Evans Opera House, and more than 500 people turned out to welcome the city's guests and to hear what they had to say about the agricultural development of the Southwest. The program at the Evans was as follows:

Selection by Orchestra.

Address of Welcome

JUDGE LOGAN: Ladies and gentlemen: In these days of peace and prosperity our heroes and our benefactors are those who make ten blades of grass grow where only one grew before; those who make 100 bushels of corn grow where only 25 or 30 grew before. Rail roads are like individuals. They want business. They do not like to haul their cars backward and forward empty any more than the farmer wants to haul his wagon empty to town every day. For that reason we find the leading railroad lines of the United States engaged every spring and every fall in developing interests in agriculture and stock raising.

We find that in the last few years we have improved in many methods of farming, so that in one state alone the average production of corn is nearly ten bushels per acre more than it was a few years ago. That is why we have with us this evening a distinguished company.

Now this is not a meeting for Tucumcari alone. It is a meeting for the whole of the Southwest. I see people here this evening, many of them have come 100 miles; many of you have come 50 miles and still live in Quay county. For that reason it is not a local affair, and I have the distinguished honor of introducing to you as Chairman of this meeting, Judge Logan of Amarillo, President of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

JUDGE LOGAN: Ladies and gentlemen, I am very glad indeed to be here tonight. This large audience, by their presence manifest an interest in the work that the Rock Island has been engaged in for sometime, as well as various other railroads which traverse this western country.

In traveling over here from Amarillo today we have been met at various stations by large crowds of people. I am glad to see so many little boys and little girls out tonight. I heard one of the gentlemen this afternoon talk to the children at one of the stations back here, and he asked the little fellow questions, and I never saw so much interest manifested in my life in agriculture, especially with so dry a subject as farm subjects for children. The development that is going on in this country has certainly opened my eyes. I had an idea that this was a stock country out here. You have nice towns all along the railroad. We saw evidences of development in the country, and you have a nice city here in Tucumcari. You have given us a fine reception here, and I have enjoyed every minute of my stay, and I am sure I voice the sentiments of the entire delegation. You have a splendid citizenship. I have noticed the business men and the people on the street, and I was impressed with that fact. I take it you people here are from various portions of the United States. They are far ahead of some localities that we find in the older states. You will find that the case all over the western country. You find a higher type of manhood and womanhood. People who have the nerve to go out and pioneer in the development of a new country deserve a great deal of credit. They are men and women of more than ordinary stamina and ability, who are willing to face the hardships and trial and tribulations that confront the pioneer in a new country. You have the nerve to get out and do things. That

building, and finally absolutely every thing. You are starting here to develop a new country. You have a magnificent country here. How long has it been since our祖s to settle this country? Three or four years. You have knockers in this town as they have all over Texas. I can recall when I was a little boy own in central Texas they said this wasn't any farming country; this was a stock country. When fellows used to ride into that country with two gun strapped around them and a Winchester. Well, they did discourage a great many people and a great many come in those and settled and stayed a while and went away. What is the result today? Practically all the land in that country that is susceptible of farming is now farmed, and they are following the stock farming proposition, raising horses, hogs, cattle, mules, cows, oats and wheat, and every thing of that kind, and turning everything into money. As I said to you a while ago, a knocker is about the poorest human being you can have in a community, and the best you can do when you hear a fellow knocking a house of a country. I don't care whether he lives here or passing through the country. I won't have a man talking about a city or country. I don't care where it is without remonstrating with him. I was in Beaumont one time during the oil industry. You couldn't get a job, you couldn't get a better. I have seen one line up 75 deep, waiting to get a shave. The town was overrun with thousands of people. A fellow was setting in a restaurant and he was talking about the town and the hotel and the post office and everything there and soon dying. There was a great big rough looking Texan sitting on the other side of the table from him. I had gotten pretty sore myself and everybody else had. He was talking loud like most knockers do. This Texan looked straight at him and finally said: "Who the hell sent for you anyway?" I feel like saying to a man when he is knocking a country that the road is open for him, nobody sent for him. If I were to come and live in your town, and I believe you have the best town in the country out side of Amarillo, and I say this because I live there, if I were going to live anywhere else I would come to Tucumcari and be a booster from the time I hit the ground. If you have a fellow in this town that is not boasting for this town and this country, I would tell him to move, that you did not need him here, and I wouldn't ask him any questions at all about it. When we undertook to settle that section of country one hundred miles this side of Fort Worth, lots of people had to leave on account of bad weather, lots of that land now can not be bought for \$50 or \$60 an acre, and thousands of acres are now under cultivation. Take it around Quanah and Vernon, down through that country, I can recall when they were planting cotton in Jones County in May in the dust. A great many people thought that was foolishness. An old fellow there told them that was the way to do it and he persuaded a great many men to plant their cotton. I was out there improving a little piece of land and I had it so dry we could not break sod. I kept track of that country, and that year those people gathered a half bale of cotton to the acre, and one mile that was ready to sell out his eight hundred acres there for a wagon and a span of horses and mules, the next year gathered ninety-one or ninety-two bales of cotton from two hundred acres of land, and the last thing I heard of him he moved into the county seat. I don't know whether he owns an automobile or not but he was happy and contented. I watched it and I know about how the people have gotten along. Of course we made failures occasionally. People fail in all kinds of business. Sometimes it is the fellow's fault, but the fellow that wins out in the fight is always the man that sticks. I am reminded about a fellow that came out there in that country about Vernon, west of Wichita Falls, I think he was from Arkansas. He stayed out there a little while. Finally things got so dry he loaded up his family and pulled back to Arkansas, and after he got back there his old dog died with the mange, the cat had fits and died, his horses took the distemper and died, and he lost two or three children with the swamp fever, so he came back, drove up there with an old cart and one old pony. One of his neighbors that had stayed out there saw him coming and says: "Hello Bill, what are you doing back here?" "Well," he says, "That's all right, I am back here." Now you asking me that question puts me in mind of a story I heard one time about two fellows out hunting buffalo and he said they crippled an old buffalo and he in the fight they were thrown from their horses. One climbed a mesquite tree and the old buffalo took after the other

fellow and after running him about seventy-five or a hundred yards he saw a hole in the ground and he dropped through that hole and the old buffalo charged right over it and he turned around and saw he did not get the fellow. By that time the fellow came up out of the hole into the ground and the buffalo charged again and in the hole he got. He did this three or four times and finally this fellow is in the mesquite tree says: "Why don't you stay in that hole?" He says: "You tend to your own business, there is an old she wolf down there and five pups. I know what I am doing." Now if any of these fellows get out of this country as a result of it being a little dry and are trying to hunt in every place, you just tell them that story. Of all the failures you ever saw in any country it is the fellow that is shooting around hunting an once berth to let on. He is a failure. You little boys start in with a determination to win by anything you can and don't hold account for an easy job, because the people are always looking for a fellow that can deliver the goods. Talk about the Standard Oil company, that great octopus, I know what they do. They get the best brains there is in this land and they put them at the head of their various departments, regardless of what it costs. It is not a question of money with them. No sir, if you can deliver the goods there is somebody looking for you. I don't care what it is, if you are employing a man to sweep up the store, set him understand that you are going to do that cheerfully. And better than anybody else. If a railroad company has a man in their employ who they put him in a position just a little higher to simply because they watch his nose and shock him as often seems on and it is because he can deliver the goods.

No, gentlemen, just a word and I pass through. I expect I have talked longer than my ten minutes. When I got this windmill running, it is hard for me to shut it off. I don't believe any of us appreciate the great work the railroad companies are doing for the benefit of the education of the people of this country. It is impossible for us to develop all this great southwestern country here without their assistance, and I believe that the people not only in our section of the country, but your section of the country, might go to work and the railroads a great deal more than we do for the great advantage that we have in regard of their transportation and assistance in educating the people along certain lines and assisting them in every way possible going to the expense of thousands of dollars to educate the people along your lines. Why do they do this? It is to their benefit because whenever they help you, you in turn help the railroad company in shipping over their lines. That is not the only thing they want to help and assist the people, who as I said at the beginning have the nerve to go to these new countries, and as I said, the compliments of this are given to them, and the people and the town in our own town, should be extended to the Rock Island Railroad for this great educational work that they are now carrying on.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I desire to thank you for the very kind attention which you have accorded to me, and I take pleasure now in introducing Prof. M. C. Evans of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, who is engaged in the college and extension work.

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